



CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE

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Declaration; Public Safety State of Emergency July 2,2023

Whereas; The United States has Treaty obligations and Trust responsibilities to the CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE as set forth by the treaty of 1868.

Whereas; The treaty obligations and trust responsibilities of the United States are failing to be fulfilled, this failure is putting the tribal membership at risk of preventable violence.

Whereas; The failure to provide adequate law enforcement personal and resources is contributing to the Public Safety Crisis

Whereas; The lack of facilities to adequately house offenders contributes to the disproportionately high crime rate amongst adults.

Whereas; The lack of juvenile facilities, services and resources is contributing to rising suicide rates, rising addiction rates, rising missing and murdered rates and rising rates of violence and abuse within our juvenile population.

Whereas; The health, safety and welfare of the tribe and its members is at risk.

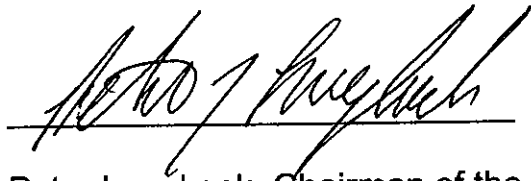
Now therefore be it resolved; The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe has taken the matter of Public Safety into its own hands and shall carry out the following;

1. Amend MOA with the SD Highway Patrol Department to engage when needed.
2. Engage with Brule County Sheriff's Department to lease jail cells to house criminals on a temporary basis
3. Re-open the Fort Thompson Police Department Facilities.
4. Establish Crow Creek Public Safety Security Task Force.
5. Hire Security firm to train public in gun safety and responsible use.
6. Establish a Tribal Dispatch Center which will be used as a Safe House.

7. Carry out Gun Buy Program.
8. Train and certify Crow Creek Public Safety Task Force in weapon handling and various other skills needed to effectively carry out duties.
9. Establish Ports of Entry/Security Checkpoints at entrances of the Reservation.
10. Contribute funding to the Crow Creek Tribal Courts, Healing to Wellness court program.

Now Be It Finally resolved; The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe demands the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Justice Services cooperate with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and acknowledge tribal laws and ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Tribe and its members and take immediate action and respond to the Public Safety Crisis.

I, Peter Lengkeek, Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, under the Executive Powers vested in the office of the Chairman, due hereby Declare a Public Safety State of Emergency on this 2nd day of July, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Lengkeek", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Lengkeek, Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe